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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2013
MEETING MINUTES
GLADYS L. HURRELL REHOBOTH SENIOR CENTER

Present: Joseph Tito, Chairman; Susan Pimental, Clerk; Donald Leffort and Lorraine Botts

Absent: Michael Costello

Call to order at 6:30p.m.

Executive Session: At 6:30p.m. on a motion by Selectman S. Pimental, seconded by Selectman L. Botts, it was voted by roll call to enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 21, (2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation or potential litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares; (6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

Topics of Discussion: Non-Personnel Contract Negotiation Discussions (2 sessions); Potential Litigation Discussion; Non-Union Personnel Contract

The Chairman declared an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the Board.

Roll call Vote: Pimental – Aye; Botts – Aye; Leffort – Aye; Tito – Aye. Voted 4-0

At 7:21p.m. S. Pimental made a motion to exit Executive Session and to reconvene the open meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Seconded, L. Botts.

Roll call vote: Pimental – Aye; Botts – Aye; Leffort – Aye; Tito – Aye. Voted 4-0

1.0) Call to Order: The Board and the public participated in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

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2.0) Consent Agenda

Warrants: J. Tito read the weekly payroll and expense Warrants. S. Pimental made a motion to approve the weekly Warrants, 13-29A Withholdings, \$18,313.83; 13-30 Invoices, \$10,687.41; and Payroll, \$79,438.41. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Minutes: L. Botts made a motion to approve and release the Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2013. Second, S. Pimental. Discussion: D. Leffort noted page two, fourth paragraph, last sentence the vote should read 4-0 instead of 5-0. Voted 4-0 as amended.

S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2012. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

S. Pimental made a motion to approve and release the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2012. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Announcements: J. Tito stated the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen would be Monday, February 11, 2013 at the Senior Center starting at 7:30p.m.

3.0) Open Forum – Announcements – None

Town Administrator's Report: J. Ritter reported that he received correspondence from the State Gaming Commission regarding regulations which would define a surrounding community to a casino. The response date is next Tuesday February 5th. He might ask for a time extension to respond.

Regarding 295 Winthrop Street, a parcel of land taken for back taxes. A notice was published today in the Central Register with a response date of March 8th at noon. If there is no interest the parcel would be put on public auction.

He received a call from Marcy Reed, President of National Grid. She called in response to a recent letter from the Board about redirecting the electricity line down Rt. 44 instead of the village area of Town. The Regional Engineer would report back next week.

Wheeler Street bridge project is progressing with ongoing discussions between MassHighway and Tibbetts Engineering to determine if they have the qualifications to complete the design of the project. More information should be available next week.

Work has started preparing the Annual Town Meeting Warrant the closing date for articles is March 1st.

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The preparation of the FY14 budgets has started. It is anticipated at the next meeting Town Counsel budget and the town Administrator budget will be presented.

Water analysis at the former Anawan School should be completed by February 11th. Health Agent Bob Ashton has made this a top priority on his to do list.

The Capital Improvement Plan is well under way and a draft has been sent to Selectmen Pimental for a first review. S. Pimental provided a spreadsheet as a working model that could be used.

The estimated from R.H. White for the emergency backup generator at the Senior Center as a cost estimate came in at \$60,000, \$37,000 above the available appropriation. The project will go out to bid to help drive the price down.

4.0) NEW BUSINESS

Action Item #1: Discussion Re: Renewal of Class II Auto License for the Auto Emporium (Wig Wam Village Auto Sales) 545 Winthrop Street: Attorney Fredericks and Ms. Silveira were present as a follow-up discussion to their meeting with the Board on January 14th. Attorney Fredericks reviewed the proposal to clean-up the site at 545 Winthrop Street.

Robert Ashton, Health Agent was present and asked several questions pertaining to the timing of the clean-up and the scope of work to be performed. He offered his assistance as needed.

S. Pimental made a motion to approve the renewal of the Class II license for six months or until June 30, 2013 at which time they will return to the Board to provide and update. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Action Item #2: Class II Auto License Renewal for Hornbine Enterprises: Ms. Goulart and Attorney John Manni were present. They presented sales records for the last year for the Board to review. The records indicated that Suzanne Goulart had signed off on all of the licenses presented.

Attorney Manni stated they have no interest in adding Mr. Ennis to the license. The Board reviewed the twenty-one transactions and the Certificate of Insurance presented.

S. Pimental made a motion to approve and grant the renewal of the Class II License. Second, L. Botts. Discussion: D. Leffort asked if the police review the records. Attorney Manni stated that both the State Police and the local Rehoboth Police randomly inspect their records.

Voted 4-0

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Action Item #3: South Fire Station Roof Project: Wojciech Sudyka from JJS Construction was present. The Board reviewed and discussed with him the newly revised invoice, Change Order Number 2 in the amount of \$2,330.

S. Pimental made a motion to approve Change Order Number 2 in the amount of \$2,330. Second, J. Tito. Discussion: D. Leffort stated he was concerned to know if the new plywood was actually installed and he would like the Building Inspector to inspect the project before payment is made. J. Tito asked if that was an amendment to the motion? D. Leffort stated yes.

Second, the amendment to the main motion by J. Tito. Voted 4-0

Vote on the main motion. Voted 4-0

Action Item #4: FY2014 Budget Discussion: The Board reviewed the Moderator's and the Bereavement budgets. The decided to remove the Bereavement budget in its entirety from the budget document. The funds were used to purchase flowers for employees who lost family members. Regarding the Moderator budget it was decided that J. Tito would speak to the Moderator.

Action Item #5: Interim Town Clerk Job Posting: The Board reviewed the draft posting and it was decided to insert language that clearly delineates the interim individual must be a resident of the town of Rehoboth.

Action Item #6: Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request: S. Pimental made a motion to approve the Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request for \$237,544.79 for work that was recently completed on Reservoir Avenue and Plain Streets, reclamation, resurfacing. Second, L. Botts. Discussion: S. Pimental asked if the police detail reimbursement goes back into Chapter 90 or the General Fund. J. Ritter stated it was his understanding that those funds remain in the General Fund. Voted 4-0

Action Item #7: Review of Site Plan Approval Application for 567 Winthrop Street: S. Pimental made a motion to table this matter until the next meeting. Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

5.0) OLD BUSINESS:

Action Item #1: Local Access Update – None

7.0) **OPEN PUBLIC FORUM:** Michael Deignan, Vice Chairman of the Republican Town Committee was present and wanted to follow-up to his previous question from a week or two ago. He asked D. Leffort about the status of the project for converting the former Anawan School into a Town Hall for \$900,000.

D. Leffort stated he and his associates were denied access to the building to investigate conditions and did not know the status of the funds pledged to the project.

Ronald Whittemore, 21 Pond Street asked for confirmation that the Anawan School was voted at Town Meeting to be for elderly & veterans housing.

8.0) **BOARD OF SELECTMEN REPORTS:** J. Tito thanked other Board members for helping to prepare a meal for the senior citizens of Rehoboth today at Gert's Kitchen.

9.0) **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - None

10.0) **ADJOURNMENT:** S. Pimental made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31p.m.
Second, L. Botts. Voted 4-0

Respectfully submitted,

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator